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1. During the period immediately preceding General Manuel Odria's resignation on 1 June to become a candidate in the Peruvian presidential elections of 2 July, the split within the opposition Union Revolucionaria (UR) began to look more serious. David Aguilar Cornejo, prominent UR leader, and others, requested the party's chief, Luis Alberto Flores, to reorganize the party. Aguilar has always differed with Flores on the UR's attitude toward Odria, and has consistently advocated UR cooperation with the Odria government. The extent of the split which Aguilar is causing is not yet known.
2. Another UR splinter group formed by dissident Isaac Castro Bulnes in mid-May is not yet considered serious by Flores. It is reported that Castro received 50,000 soles from Odria supporters for the specific purpose of causing a split in the UR.
3. Division in the Liga Democratica Nacional was evidenced by Arturo Osorio Galvez' resignation from that party. Osorio was one of the initial organizers of the Liga, and reportedly had hoped to be its presidential candidate.
4. Although a source with contacts in APRA reports that disaffected army elements from the north of Peru are still attempting to enlist the support of the outlawed Apristas for a revolutionary movement, information coming from sources with entree into government circles does not confirm previous reports concerning revolutionary plotting in the northern garrisons. The APRA source reports that the party has made no commitments to any political group as yet.*

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